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SUBJECT: JACKSON-NUNN AMENDMENT--SHARP'S REPLY TO  
SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

REF: STATE 037026

1. THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, MITCHELL SHARP, HAS REQUESTED THE EMBASSY TO FORWARD TO THE SECRETARY HIS RESPONSE TO THE SECRETARY'S MESSAGE OF FEBRUARY 25 ON THE ABOVE SUBJECT.

BEGIN TEXT:

"DEAR MR. SECRETARY,

IN YOUR MESSAGE OF FEBRUARY 25 YOU DREW TO MY ATTENTION PRESIDENT NIXON'S RECENT REPORT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE JACKSON-NUNN AMENDMENT. THE REPORT PROVIDES A CLEAR AND TIMELY INDICATION OF EFFORTS WHICH THE ALLIANCE IS MAKING TO ASSIST THE UNITED STATES IN MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE AMENDMENT. I SHARE YOUR VIEW THAT IT WOULD NOT BE IN OUR COMMON SECURITY  
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INTEREST IF THIS AMENDEMENT WERE TO RESULT IN A

UNILATERAL REDUCTION OF UNITED STATES FORCES NOW  
STATIONED IN EUROPE.

"THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE FOR CANADA  
SUBSCRIBED TO THE NATO DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE  
DECISION LAST DECEMBER THAT THE COUNTRIES OF THE  
ALLIANCE WOULD "PARTICIPATE IN MULTILATERAL OR  
BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS TOWARDS PROVIDING A COMMON  
SOLUTION TO THE USA PROBLEM' RELATING TO BUDGETARY  
AND BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DIFFICULTIES ARISING FROM  
THE STATIONING OF USA FORCES IN EUROPE. SINCE THAT  
TIME, CANADA HAS BEEN AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN THE  
CONTINUING EXAMINATION OF ALL ASPECTS OF THIS  
COMPLEX PROBLEM WHICH HAS BEEN UNDER WAY IN VARIOUS  
NATO FORA.

"YOU MAY BE SURE THAT WHEN CONSENSUS BEGINS TO  
EMERGE ON POSSIBLE WAYS FOR RESOLVING THE SPECIFIC  
PROBLMES WHICH HAVE NOW TO A LARGE EXTENT BEEN  
IDENTIFIED, CANADA WILL BE PREPARED TO LOOK AT THEM  
IN A POSITIVE MANNER, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT OUR POSITION  
AS A NORTH AMERICAN MEMBER OF THE ALLIANCE.

"I APPRECIATE THIS LATEST INDICATION OF YOUR  
OWN PERSONAL INTEREST IN ENSURING THAT THE NORTH  
ATLANTIC ALLIANCE REMAINS CAPABLE OF GUARANTEEING  
THE SECURITY OF ALL ITS MEMBERS.

YOURS SINCERELY,  
/S/ MITCHELL SHARP  
MITCHELL SHARP" END TEXT

2. THE ORIGINAL OF THE LETTER WILL BE SENT TO THE  
DEPARTMENT UNDER COVER OF AN AIRGRAM.  
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